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1. DURING OCT 3 MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR, FONOFF
POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL PROVIDED GERMAN VIEWS
ON HOW CANADA, JAPAN AND OTHER INTERESTED WESTERN
STATES COULD FIT INTO THE CURRENT ATLANTIC DIALOGUE.
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IN THIS CONNECTION, VAN WELL ALLUDED TO THE COMMENTS
BY FONMIN SHARP AND PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU TO SCHEEL
IN OTTAWA (SEE SEPTTEL) THAT CANADIAN INTERESTS MUST
BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE EMERGING ATLANTIC

ECONOMIC DIALOGUE. VAN WELL SAID THAT BOTH SHARP AND TRUDEAU HAD EXPRESSED AN INTEREST WITH SCHEEL IN A SEPARATE CANADIAN DECLARATION WITH THE EC ON ECONOMIC ISSUES.

2. AS TO THE JAPANESE, WHILE THEY HAD INDICATED THAT A SEPARATE EC/JAPANESE DECLARATION COULD BE DESIRABLE, JAPANESE OFFICIALS HAD RATHER EMPHASIZED THEIR INTERESTS IN A BROAD ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DIALOGUE WITH THE EC AND CONTINUED BILATERAL TIES AND CONTACTS WITH INDIVIDUAL EC MEMBER STATES. VAN WELL SAID THE JAPANESE HAD GIVEN BOTH THE BRITISH AND THE GERMANS THE CONTENTS OF THEIR DRAFT WHICH HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY HANDED TO THE U.S. VAN WELL SAID HE THOUGHT TOKYO PROBABLY WOULD PREFER A SEPARATE DECLARATION WITH THE U.S. RATHER THAN AN ALL ENCOMPASSING TRIANGULAR U.S./EUROPEAN/JAPANESE STRUCTURE. VAN WELL SAID THIS CONFORMED MORE CLOSELY TO THE EC NINE CONCEPT AS WELL (SEE REFTEL PARAS 4 AND 5).

3. VAN WELL SAID THE NORWEGIANS HAD ALSO BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN SEEKING TO PROTECT THEIR INTERESTS. HE SAID NORWAY RECENTLY HAD APPROACHED ALL NINE EC MEMBER STATES SUGGESTING CLOSER BILATERAL CONTACTS ON COMMUNITY MATTERS, SPECIFICALLY ON QUESTIONS OF EC POLITICAL COOPERATION. VAN WELL SAID THE NORWEGIANS HAD EMPHASIZED THAT THESE DEMARCHES HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT PER A DECISION OF THE OSLO GOVERNMENT.

4. IN SUM, VAN WELL SAID THE GERMANS AND MOST OF THEIR EC NINE PARTNERS HAD THE VIEW THAT THE DIVERSITY OF RELATIONS INVOLVED RENDERED THE CHAPEAU APPROACH FAR TOO COMPLICATED. THE TENDENCY OF THE NINE IS THEREFORE TO FAVOR: (A) U.S./EC AND NATO DECLARATIONS; (B) AN EC/JAPANESE (AND IF WASHINGTON AND TOKYO WISH, U.S./JAPANESE DECLARATION); (C) EC/CANADIAN DECLARATION.
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NORWAY AND OTHER NATO ALLIES ALSO WOULD HAVE TO BE CULTIVATED BY THE EC. BUT VAN WELL EMPHASIZED THAT THESE EVENTS WOULD HAVE TO TAKE PLACE IN A CERTAIN SEQUENCE WITH THE EMPHASIS ON THE U.S./EUROPEAN TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONSHIPS IN POLITCO/ECONOMIC AND SECURITY FIELDS.
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